

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the consideration of the present application afforded by the Examiner. Claims 1-4 and 6-14 remain pending. Claims 1, 6, 7, and 8 are independent. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Interview Summary

Applicants appreciate the time afforded by the Examiner in conducting the telephonic interview on March 17, 2009. During the interview, Applicants proposed claim amendments addressing the remaining rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraph. After considering the amendment, the Examiner indicated that the amendment addresses and overcomes the § 112 rejections from the Final Office Action. The Examiner suggested that Applicants file the amendment in an After Final Response to be formally considered, reserving the right to conduct a further art search. The Examiner indicated that either the case would grant as a patent, or if further art is found a new Non-Final action would be issued.

35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st and 2nd Paragraph Rejections

Claims 1-4 and 6-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 9-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite.

Though the instant Reply, the claims have been amended to directly address the Examiner's interpretations of the claims as suggested in the Office Action. Additionally, the Examiner has indicated to Applicants that the amendment sufficiently overcomes the outstanding § 112 rejections.

Applicants respectfully request that the §112 rejections of claims 1-4 and 6-14 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

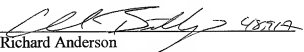
In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John R. Sanders, Reg. No. 60,166 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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